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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, NU
SUBJECT: AMNESTY AND WOLA REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

REF: KA) STATE 162551; (B)NMANAGUA 419

SUMMARY: EMB HAS NO INFO ON NAMES SENT REF A. THIS REQUEST HAS CAUSED US TO FOCUS ON PROCEDURE OF DEPT ACTING AS CONDUIT FOR REQUESTS FROM ORGS SUCH AS WOLA AND AI AND OUR ROLE. EMB RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTING INQUIRERS TO OTHER CHANNELS IN FIRST INSTANCE. END SUMMARY

1. THERE ARE SEVERAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS WITH WHICH EMB IS IN CONTACT AND WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS TO GIVE PUBLICITY TO THEIR CONCERNS. RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESPONDING TO THESE CONCERNS RESTS WITH GON. EMB IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH IDEA OF INSERTING USG AS BROKER FOR INFORMATION BETWEEN GON AND NICARAGUAN CITIZENS. FURTHER, INASMUCH AS INFORMATION PRESUMABLY ORIGINATES IN NICARAGUA IT SEEMS TORTUROUSLY CIRCUITOUS ROUTE FOR NICARAGUAN RESIDENTS TO DIRECT ALLEGATION OF DETENTION OF NICARAGUAN CITIZENS OR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE TO ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. TO PASS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO DEPT AND FROM DEPT TO EMB.

2. TO AVOID OUR BECOMING INVESTIGATORY AGENT FOR AI AND WOLA, EMB RECOMMENDS (1) THAT THEY HAVE THEIR INFORMANTS EXHAUST LOCAL MEANS FOR DRAWING ATTENTION TO THEIR CONCERN INCLUDING CONTACT WITH
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LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, (2) WHERE THE US GROUP WISHES TO TAKE ACTION, THAT IT DIRECT ITS REQUEST FOR INFO TO NICARAGUAN EMB IN WASHINGTON. THIS WOULD PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FURNISHING INFO ON GON WHERE IT OUGHT TO BE AS WELL AS MAKING GON AWARE OF AND SENSITIVE TO HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS IN U.S.

3. EMB WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR WORK OF LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COM-

MITTEES AS WELL AS MEETING WITH PERSONS WHO WISH TO BRING THEIR COMPLAINTS TO ATTENTION OF USG AND WILL REPORT THIS INFO TO DEPT.

4. IF ORGS IN US SUCH AS AI AND WOLA PERSIST IN TRYING TO USE DEPT AND EMB TO SEEK INFO, AND DEPT SEES NO ALTERNATIVE TO ACTING ON THOSE REQUESTS, EMB SUGGESTS DEPT ACCEPT ONLY THOSE REQUESTS IN WHICH (1) IT IS CLEAR LOCAL CHANNELS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED, (2) OFFICIAL

CHANNEL (I.E. NICARAGUAN EMB) HAS BEEN CONTACTED, AND (3) WHERE INQUIRING ORG IDENTIFIES ITS SOURCE OF INFO IN NICARAGUA TO ALLOW EMB TO VERIFY DATA.

5. FOR BACKGROUND OF DEPT ONLY, UNDER MARTIAL LAW PROVISIONS PERSONS WHO ARE DETAINED FOR INTERROGATION FOR QUOTE SECURITY UNQUOTE OFFENSES ARE HELD INCOMMUNICADO AND THEIR DETENTION IS NOT ACKNOWLEDGED. SOME SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN HELD MONTHS AND OTHERS SEVERAL DAYS IN THIS STATUS. AT THE SAME TIME NO ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE RELEASE OF THESE PERSONS. THUS EMB HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING IF A PERSON IS DETAINED OR HAS BEEN RELEASED. THE ONLY EXCEPTION HAS BEEN WITH REGARD TO A FEW CASES WHERE THE GON FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER HAS CHOSEN TO PUBLICIZE THE DETENTION OF A SUSPECT. WE AND THE PUBLIC KNOW WHEN THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE CHARGED WITH AN OFFENSE OR ARE RELEASED AND, THEREFORE, THESE CASES ARE UNLIKELY TO GENERATE THE TYPE OF REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFTEL. THIS SITUATION WILL END WHEN MARTIAL LAW IS LIFTED AND INCOMMUNICADO DETENTION IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE.

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